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SUBJECT: W/W: RONALD GRANT WORL

REF: JIDDA L KP..UI PQUK# DEPARTMENT)

1. FOR DEPARTMENT: REFERENCE REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF DATE OF SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FROM BULGARIA. SUBJECT ATTENDED GEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE IN VARNA, BULGARIA, WHICH ENDED SEPTEMBER 26, 1974. HE INTENDED TO DRIVE FROM VARNA TO JIDDA BUT HAD NOT ARRIVED IN JIDDA ON OCTOBER 2.

2. PROF. BOGDANOV, ORGANIZER OF CONFERENCE, HAS NO INFORMATION BEYOND FACT THAT CONFERENCE CLOSED SEPT 26. THE BULGARIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS ADVISED US THAT SUBJECT LEFT BULGARIA THROUGH MALKO TURNOVO ON THE BULGARIAN-TURKISH BORDER ON SEPT 26.

3. MR. ROBERT GORDON SCHMIDT, USGS, WASHINGTON, WHO ALSO ATTENDED VARNA CONFERENCE, CONTACTED EMBASSY ON ANOTHER MATTER MORNING OF OCT 3. HE STATED THAT WHILE NOT CERTAIN OF SUBJECT'S PLANS, BELIEVES HE LEFT VARNA FOR JIDDA ON SEPT 26. HE STATED THAT A MR. DONALD BURT, MEMBER OF THE GEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT AT YALE UNIVERSITY, WAS A CLOSE FRIEND OF SUBJECT'S DURING CONFERENCE, AND WOULD PROBABLY KNOW SUBJECT'S PLANS IN MORE DETAIL. MR. BURT RETURNED TO YALE UNIVERSITY ON CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE.

4. DEFER TO JIDDA WHETHER REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT TO
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CONTACT MR. BURT IS APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME.

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